U.T. Administrations in respect of various essential commodities. It has no information regarding any essential commodity in respect of which proceedings under provisions of the Act did not at all result of conviction. As per reports received upto 28.2.1992 the following action was taken by the State Governments/U.T Administrations during the year 1991:-

No. of raids made	-		164781
No. of persons arrested	-		5673
No. of persons prosecuted	-		6690
No. of persons convicted	-		281
Value of goods confiscated	-	Rs.	2541.55 lakhs

[*English*]

Coverage of Additional Commodities by Public Distribution System

5647. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the measures initiated to extend the coverage of additional commodities by the Public Distribution System;

(b) the commodities already brought/ have been decided to be brought/are being brought under the Public Distribution System; and

(c) the way in which the cooperation of the State Government is being sought in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). The Central Government has taken the responsibility for procurement, storage and transportation of key essential commodities, viz-Rice, Wheat, Levy Sugar, Imported Edible Oils, Kerosene and Soft Coke and allocation of these commodities is made to the State Govts./UT Administrations for further distribution through Fair Price Shops. The State Governments/UT Administrations were requested to include additional commodities of mass consumption, taking into account local preferences for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS). Some State Governments are distribution on their Own, a number of additional commodities using the PDS outlets. In the implementation of revamped PDS, the States/UTs have been requested to get in touch with National level organisations like NAFED, NCCF, Tea Board etc. to indicate their requirements of tea, iodised salt, pulses (gram) and soaps so that they could procure these items for arranging regular supplies to the State/UTs. The State Governments/UT Administrations have supported the revamped PDS and expressed full support in its implementation.

Dehoarding of Foodgrains

5648. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :